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Cardin Calls For Solomons Town Seeing Progress on Bridge Replacement

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Senior U.S. Senator Ben Cardin told the Southern Maryland Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly this month that there could be some hope for the long-stalled effort to construct a new Thomas Johnson Bridge span.

Cardin, speaking to the delegation March 4 during an on-line meeting, commented on the project after Del. Gerald "Jerry" Clark (R-Dist.29C) first broached the subject.

"Can you give us any optimistic reason to believe we're going to be able to replace the Thomas Johnson Bridge anytime in the near future?" Clark asked.

"We need to replace the Thomas Johnson Bridge," Cardin said, noting that a recently-passed \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that passed Congress could provide the funding for the project.

"We should be able to advance this project," Cardin said. "It's (the bridge) a challenge not only for the commuters, it's a safety issue."

Cardin mentioned the Fern Hollow Bridge collapse in Pittsburgh, PA., which occurred in January, as a catastrophe that could not be allowed.

"We saw what happened in Pittsburgh," Cardin said. "We don't want to see a repeat of that anywhere else."

Cardin said the infrastructure bill, known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which went into effect in November of last year, was passed with replacing or repairing bridges in mind.

Cardin said at the meeting two weeks ago that the key to getting funding for Maryland to spend on the bridge replacement project was passing an omnibus spending package, which Congress just did this week.

So far, just \$1 million has been secured to make improvements to Route 4 leading up to the Thomas Johnson Bridge, including capacity improvements for the span itself.

Speaking March 4, Cardin was encouraged by the passage of the infrastructure bill for its potential to provide the money



needed for the bridge.

"We are really optimistic the State of Maryland is going to have a great deal more flexibility," Cardin said. "I'm much more optimistic regarding this than I was before the passage of this bill."

For years the project has been a top priority for transportation improvements among local leaders but the state has repeatedly stated that there is not enough money in the state coffers to make the project happen.

Earlier this year, Maryland Secretary of Transportation Jim Ports told members of the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland that other projects, such as the construction of the new Gov. Harry W. Nice Bridge, which connects Route 301 between Maryland and Virginia and costs \$463 million, are proceeding but that ruled out the bridge spanning the Patuxent River. "With these numbers, it's just not possible," Ports said in January.

The state's Consolidated Transportation Plan for 2022 to 2027 was released earlier this year at \$17.7 billion.

State officials have estimated that the new bridge would cost hundreds of millions of dollars to construct; they have also said the bridge is safe to traverse but obsolete.

The Thomas Johnson Bridge first opened to traffic in December of 1977 and was closed for several months in 1988 when cracks were discovered in its foundations, necessitating repairs being done to eight of the bridge's pylons.

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By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After weeks of delays officials with the Town of Leonardtown say they are more satisfied with the progress of what has become known as the Route 5 breakout project.

Town Administrator Laschelle McKay reported to attendees at the State of the Town meeting March 11 at the College of Southern Maryland town campus that the effort to improve the section of Point Lookout Road from Clark's Rest Drive to the entrance of MedStar St. Mary's Hospital to the south, would be completed by early 2023.

"It's a safety improvement, that's the reason for the breakout project," McKay told The County Times in a later interview.

"It seems to be going a lot better," McKay said of the overall project, which began more than a year ago, with construction crews clearing away parts of a hillside on the south bound lane of traffic to make room for the road

expansion.

"The original contractor is actually doing the work, now," McKay said. "They got rid of the subcontractor; they weren't making progress."

For the past several months traffic has been snarled heading through town at times because of the project.

"We'd been getting complaints about traffic control and them not keeping things cleaned up," McKay said.

The breakout project is designed to put center turn lanes at Abell and Moakley Streets to better facilitate left hand turns there at the intersection.

McKay said that more work can now take place on the north-bound lanes of Route 5 now that Verizon has been able to bury certain cable lines.

McKay said the project was now more than half-finished.

"The work is 63 percent complete," she said.

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Great Mills Post Office Could Move

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has announced that they are planning to leave their current, aging facility located on Point Lookout Road, just north of the road's intersection with Great Mills Road, to another location, The County Times has learned.

The Great Mills Post Office, located at 20210 Point Lookout Road, has been in operation there for nearly 50 years.

According to a mail flyer from the USPS sent out to postal customers served by the Great Mills location, the lease at the existing location is set to expire, requiring a new facility.

"The USPS proposes moving to a building of approximately 3,800 square feet within one mile of the



current location," the flyer reads. "The proposed new facility will maintain the same level of service.

The mailer said customers have a little less than a month to mail their comments in as to where they would want the new location.

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, instead of a public meeting, we are inviting you to send your comments on the proposal... in the next 30 days," the flyer reads.

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Bert's 50's Diner Closed Its Doors After 35 Years



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Bert Gagnon, owner of Bert's 50's Diner in Mechanicsville said March 11 that he was closing his restaurant's doors for good that weekend.

Gagnon, who first came to this country from Quebec, Canada in 1943 only speaking French, is a U.S. Navy veteran who worked as a civil servant before picking up the spatula.

He opened the restaurant, which features a 50's-era classic car atop the building, in 1985.

He has fond memories of all the friends he's made, Gagnon told

The County Times, but it was time to stop working in the restaurant trade.

"Age has something to do with it; I'm 83," Gagnon said. "I'm too old for this, I'm going to give it up."

Gagnon said since he made the decision to close his business, some possible investors have come forward seeking to either buy the building or the entire business.

"We'll see what happens," Gagnon said. "We've enjoyed ourselves here; I have no regrets.

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Hall of Fame Pro Wrestler, St. Mary's Native Dies



Scott Hall, center, with his brothers Jeff, left, and Steve, right

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Scott Oliver Hall, whose professional wrestling career spanned more than 30 years in the ring, died Monday after reportedly suffering three heart attacks following surgery on his hip.

He was 63.

Hall, a native of St. Mary's County, is brother to Capt. Steve Hall of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office.

Hall was best known for his run in the World Wrestling Federation, now known as the World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), as "The Bad Guy" Razor Ramon, where he once held the Intercontinental Championship and then in the now-defunct World Championship Wrestling (WCW) promotion, wrestling under his own name.

Standing 6-feet, 7-inches tall and weighing in at a muscular 287 pounds in his prime, Hall was an imposing figure in the ring, known for a power-based style of wrestling combined with swagger.

In WCW he would comprise the clique known as The Outsiders which in turn formed the nucleus of the New World Order (nWo) story angle that took place during a time when professional wrestling was reaching its peak of popularity.

Hall's finishing move, a crucifix-style powerbomb, was first known as the Razor's Edge and then as the Outsider Edge.

Hall and his tag team partner, Kevin "Diesel" Nash, who also came from the WCW who were attempting to take over the organization.

This group brought in such mega wrestling talents as Hulk Hogan — whose real name is Terry Bolea — and Randy "Macho Man" Savage.

In WCW, Hall won the tag team championship seven times, partnering with Nash, and also held the U.S. Heavyweight Championship and the World Television Championship. Hall and Nash's angle in WCW led to WWF filing a lawsuit against its rival organization, claiming that both men were using the WWF's intellectual property by continuing to play the same characters and were still maintaining the fiction they were working for the WWF.

Hall would go on to reform the nWo when he and Nash returned to WWE in 2001, after WCW went out of business.

Hall was released by WWE in 2002 over substance abuse concerns, but Hall made a much-publicized recovery in recent years by getting sober.

Hall was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame in 2014 for his Razor Ramon character and then again in 2020 as a part of the nWo group to include Hogan, Nash and Sean "X Pac" Waltman.

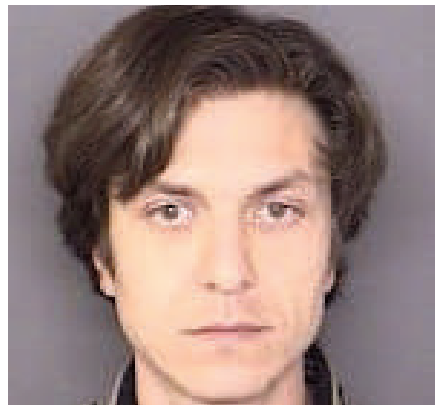
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Ivanchev Returned to Jail

State's Attorney Richard Fritz has announced that Aleksander Ivanchev has been returned to the St. Mary's County Detention Center to await trial on charges for second-degree murder. Ivanchev was charged for killing Melody Russell and Shawn Bailey, both life-time residents of St. Mary's County, in a collision in Charlotte Hall last year. Over the state's objection, Ivanchev was released.

Assistant State's Attorney Laura A. Caspar was advised he violated the condition that he not drive by operating a tractor on the roadway with his infant on his lap and filed a motion seeking immediate revocation of his bond.

"Tractors are motor vehicles," said Caspar, "and the state cannot allow this status



Aleksander Ivanchev

to be violated."

State's Attorney Fritz indicated that if house arrest is violated in any manner, this office will immediately move to revoke that status.

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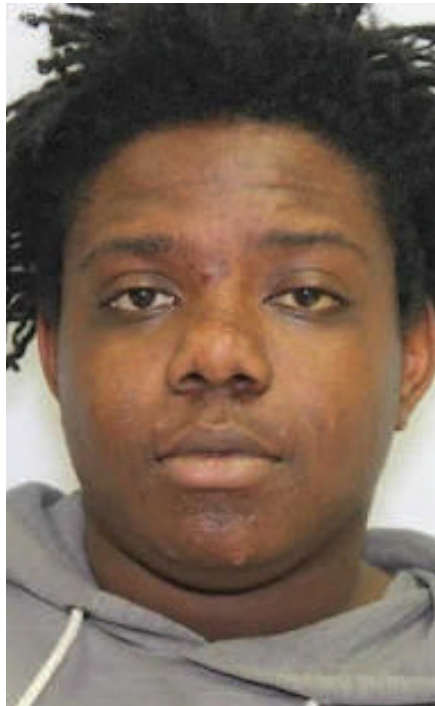
Suspect Sought in Lethal Home Invasion

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of Rylan John Somerville, age 19 of Lexington Park. Somerville is wanted in connection with the murder that occurred on March 10 in Lexington Park. Somerville is a black male, 5'7" and weighs 215 pounds with brown eyes and black hair. Somerville is currently wanted for the charge of Murder First Degree and various other charges.

The victim has been identified James Brian Thompson, 55, of Lexington Park.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Rylan John Somerville is asked to contact Detective Carl Ball at (301) 475-4200 extension 78131 or by email at Carl.Ball@stmarysmd.com. For immediate assistance contact the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at (301) 475-8008.

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Rylan John Somerville

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Long-COVID Assessment for St. Mary's County

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) and WellCheck have partnered to determine the impact of post-COVID conditions (also known as "Long COVID") on St. Mary's County residents. Community members who have been previously diagnosed with COVID-19 are asked to complete a brief, anonymous survey on the HIPAA-compliant WellCheck platform. Results will help inform development of local healthcare services and other community resources to address post-COVID conditions.

Although most people with COVID-19 get better, some people experience post-COVID conditions. Post-COVID conditions include new or ongoing health problems people experience weeks after being infected with the COVID-19 virus. Even people who had mild or asymptomatic COVID-19 infection can develop post-COVID conditions.

To learn more about post-COVID conditions and to participate in this brief, anonymous survey, please visit: smchd.org/post-covid

"As we focus more on healing and recovery from this pandemic, we want to make sure our community members have access to the resources needed to address their post-COVID conditions," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "We are thankful for our partnership with WellCheck which will help us better understand local needs and develop healthcare support services for our community members."

"Working with SMCHD to provide community members with a flexible and secure method to share information relating to the effects of Long COVID is invaluable," Mr. Christopher Nickerson, CEO and Managing Partner of WellCheck. "These community driven surveys will provide real time data and beneficial insights for the health department."

For the latest information about COVID-19, including data, local testing and vaccination sites, visit smchd.org/coronavirus.

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Leonardtwn Woman Pleads Guilty to Over \$1 Million in Disability Benefits Fraud

Submitted Fraudulent and Forged Documents to the VA and SSA Falsely Claiming that She, Her Then-Husband, and Her Father Were Homebound and Required Full-Time Assistance

Angela Marie Farr, age 36, of Leonardtown, Maryland, pleaded guilty today to conspiracy to commit theft of government property and two counts of theft of government property in connection with a scheme to fraudulently obtain disability benefits from the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) and the Social Security Administration (SSA). The total loss to the United States as a result of the fraud scheme is at least \$1,010,702.

The guilty plea was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Erik L. Barron; Special Agent in Charge Kim R. Lampkins, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Inspector General (OIG), Mid-Atlantic Field Office; and Special Agent in Charge Michael McGill of the Social Security Administration - Office of Inspector General (SSA-OIG), Philadelphia Field Division.

"Angela Farr took advantage of a program whose goal was to help others, but did the exact opposite in her efforts to fraudulently obtain VA disability benefits," said United States Attorney Erik L. Barron. "We remain committed to the prosecution of those, like Farr, who steal benefits intended to assist military veterans whose service to our country honorably has left them with a disability."

"The VA Office of Inspector General works diligently to identify those who would steal benefits intended for qualified veterans," said VA OIG Special Agent in Charge Kim Lampkins. "The VA OIG thanks its law enforcement partners for their commitment in helping hold these defendants accountable."

According to her guilty plea, Farr organized a conspiracy in which she submitted false and fraudulent documents to the Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA") in support of her claims for disability compensation, as well as for the disability claims for her then-husband, and for her father. The fraudulent documents stated that Farr, her husband, and her father were homebound and required full-time assistance for basic tasks such as eating, bathing, and dressing. In fact, all three individuals lived ordinary, active lives.

As detailed in her plea agreement, Farr served in the U.S. Navy from August 2, 2005 until April 19, 2007, when she was

administratively discharged. In 2009, Farr filed a claim for Disability Compensation stating that she suffered post-traumatic stress disorder after being sexually assaulted while on duty three years earlier. At the same time, Farr also falsely claimed to VA that she was seriously injured in a traffic accident when she was struck by a drunk driver while driving on duty in 2006. Farr claimed that she suffered from chronic neck and back pain as a result of the accident.

In support of these claims, Farr filed an entirely fabricated medical record purportedly from the Navy consisting of over 70 pages of documents supposedly authored by criminal investigators, psychologists, and physical therapists. Based on the injuries claimed and the forged supporting medical documentation, the VA rated Farr 70 percent disabled as of October 6, 2007.

In 2015, Farr sought additional compensation claiming that she suffered a traumatic brain injury and other grave health consequences as a result of the 2007 vehicle accident. Farr again submitted dozens of forged fraudulent medical documents in support of her claim, using the names of both real and fictitious physicians. The documents claimed that Farr was paralyzed from the waist down, suffered multiple seizures daily, required round-the-clock care for basic functions such as toileting and showering, and claimed that she also suffered from an aneurysm, heart attack, and leukemia. Based on the fraudulent documentation, VA increased Farr's disability rating to 100 percent, and awarded Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) for her in-home nursing care requirements.

In April 2016, Farr applied online for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits on the basis of the same disabilities she cited in her VA claims. In that application, Farr claimed that she was unable to work and was forced to medically retire, despite the fact that she was working for the Department of Defense at the time she applied. The Social Security Administration awarded SSDI benefits to Farr on September 17, 2016.

Farr received approximately \$440,085 in VA benefits to which she was not entitled, and approximately \$35,666 in Social Security benefit payments to which she was

not entitled, resulting in a loss to the United States of \$475,751 just on Farr's claims alone. As outlined in her plea agreement, Farr will be required to forfeit an amount equal to the proceeds obtained as a result of the fraud by paying a money judgment of \$475,751, and will be ordered to pay restitution in the full amount of the victims' losses, which is at least \$1,010,702.

Farr also admitted that she conspired with and assisted her then-husband and her father, both of whom are former members of the U.S. Military, to obtain additional disability benefits by exaggerating their existing claims and documenting those exaggerated claims with forged and fraudulent documentation. As a result, Farr's father was found to be 100 percent disabled and was awarded SMC. Farr's then-husband received the highest amount of disability compensation and SMC paid by VA, in addition to a Caregiver Assistance

stipend of more than \$2,500 per month, that he received for purportedly servicing as Farr's caregiver, despite claiming to be completely disabled himself and unable to use his arms and legs. At the time, Farr's husband regularly attended a local CrossFit gym. In total, Farr's then-husband received \$370,912 in VA benefits to which he was not entitled. Farr's father received \$168,074 in VA benefits to which he was not entitled, from which the VA has recovered approximately \$4,035. At the time of the claims, Farr's father was a civilian employee of the Navy, supervising a logistics unit of 25 people.

Farr faces a maximum sentence of five years in federal prison for the conspiracy and a maximum of 10 years in federal prison for each of the two counts of theft of government property. U.S. District Judge Paula Xinis has scheduled sentencing for August 4, 2022.

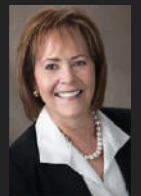
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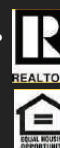
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Search Continues For Latest Jumper

By Guy Leonard
 Staff Writer

Maryland State Police officials say that a person who was involved in a domestic altercation in St. Mary's County soon after jumped from the Thomas Johnson Bridge in the early morning hours of March 15.

Ron Snyder, spokesperson for the state police said troopers from the Leonardtown barracks responded to the initial domestic call, but a Prince Frederick-based trooper encountered Derek Paiz, 24, of Great Mills driving across the bridge towards Calvert County in the wrong — northbound — lane.

When the trooper attempted a

traffic stop, Paiz pulled over on the bridge, got out and immediately jumped into the water.

Snyder did not know from what height Paiz jumped; the search continues for the jumper, whose condition has not been ascertained.

State police aviation, Natural Resources Police, U.S. Coast Guard assets, the Solomons Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and the Calvert Sheriff's Office assisted in the investigation.

This is the third bridge jumper this year from the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge.

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Court of Appeals of Moves Primary Election to July 19

On March 15, the Court of Appeals of Maryland issued an Order, In the Matter of 2022 Legislative Districting of the State, moving the 2022 Primary Election from June 28 to July 19. The Order also amends certain deadlines for the Primary Election Calendar.

The following deadlines have been amended:

The deadline for filing certificates of candidacy, established pursuant to Election Law Article (“EL”) § 5-303, is extended to Friday, April 15, 2022 at 9:00 p.m.;

The deadline for candidates to withdraw a certificate of candidacy, established pursuant to EL §

5-502(a), is extended to Monday, April 18, 2022;

The deadline to fill a vacancy in candidacy for a primary election, established pursuant to EL § 5-901, is extended to Wednesday, April 20, 2022;

The deadline to challenge a candidate's residency, established pursuant to EL § 5-305, is extended to Thursday, April 21, 2022.

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St. Mary's County Government is hosting a job fair on Saturday, April 23, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center & Leonardtown Library. There will be representatives of multiple county departments, including the Department of Aging & Human Services, Emergency Services, Land Use & Growth Management, the Department of Public Works & Transportation, and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Of-

fice. Representatives will be on-site to talk with you about working with their teams and the available vacant positions to which you can apply. It is strongly encouraged to bring copies of your resume. The Leonardtown Library computer lab will provide computer access all day.

For more information, contact the Department of Aging & Human Services Community Programs & Outreach Division Manager, Sarah Miller, at sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com or 301-475-4200, ext. 1073. To view and apply for current St. Mary's County Government job openings, visit <https://www.stmarysmd.com/hro/vacancies/>.

New Subsidy Aimed at Vanpooling in Southern Maryland

As the region reopens and businesses welcome employees back into the office, commuters can take advantage of a new incentive to further help reduce the expenses of an already cost-effective form of public transportation. In partnership with Commute with Enterprise, the Tri-County Council is helping to increase the use of a shared mobility option: vanpooling.

The Tri-County Council created the pilot program, providing a \$300 subsidy per van per month to commuters living or working in the Tri-County area including St. Marys, Charles and Calvert Counties. The subsidy can also be combined with other regional subsidy programs if the vanpool group is eligible for both. Each vanpool program is customized to the specific needs of its four or more vanpoolers. The remaining cost is split among participants, with each vanpool rider paying a set fee per month.

John Hartline, executive director, said, "I am proud the Tri-County Coun-

cil for Southern Maryland has started this new van pool program. We are getting people back to work and saving fuel at the same time!"

The program is being funded through the Rural Maryland Council.

Participants can choose a qualifying vanpool vehicle from Enterprise's selection of makes and models that includes crossovers, SUVs, minivans and large passenger vans.

Commute with Enterprise also provides 24-hour roadside assistance, liability insurance and maintenance. And as part of Enterprise's Complete Clean Pledge, Commute with Enterprise provides best practices for cleaning and Complete Clean Starter Kits for new or returning commuters.

Commuters in the Tri-County area interested in joining the program can visit CommuteWithEnterprise.com or contact the Tri-County Council directly.

Press Release from Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

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St. Patrick's Day Schedule

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Maryland Day Celebrates the First Landing

Friday, March 25, 2022, the public is encouraged to celebrate the founding of Maryland at the state's birthplace at St. Clement's Island Museum with a day full of fun from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., including free museum admission and water taxi rides from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., food truck, special exhibits, a public ceremony from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. featuring guest speakers and dignitaries from around the state, and more. There will also be a public Mass on the island at 11 a.m. honoring the first Mass said in the English-speaking New World.

Maryland Day commemorates the first landing of English colonists on St. Clement's Island March 25, 1634 – a significant part of St. Mary's County's and the State of Maryland's story. The St. Clement's Island Museum, which sits just a half-mile from the island from which it takes its name, is under the care of the St. Mary's County Museum Division and interprets the fascinating stories of the island and surrounding Colton's Point from colonial times until the present.

The day will begin at 11 a.m. with Mass on the Island. The main celebrant will be Fr. Thomas O'Keefe, S.J., the Jesuit Provincial for the East Coast of the United States. The concelebrant will be Fr. Thomas Clifford, S.J., from Chapel Point in nearby Charles County, about 30 miles north of St. Clement's Island. Students from Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown will serve as the choir and cantors.

The official Maryland Day Ceremony begins at 2 p.m., with keynote speaker Dr. Julia King, an expert on 17th century Maryland and professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Dr. King will be undertaking an archaeological dig on St. Clement's Island

during the spring of 2022. Also included in the ceremony will be Commissioner President Randy Guy, the visiting Jesuits, the Piscataway Tribal Leader Francis Gray and the president of the Virginia Chapter of the First Families of Maryland. The ceremony will also feature an interpreter portraying Father Andrew White, S.J., who will make the yearly ceremonial presentation of gifts from the English to the Natives.

As a final exciting addition, returning to Maryland Day for the first time since 2019 will be the replica of the 17th century iron cross, which was initially erected on St. Clement's Island by the settlers on the first "Maryland Day" March 25, 1634. The replica is made of wood (as opposed to iron as the original) and will be on exhibit for visitors to see during the day. The original iron cross is currently in possession of the Jesuits at Georgetown University.

"Maryland Day is the most important event in our program year, since it marks the beginning of both St. Mary's County and the state of Maryland in 1634," says Karen Stone, manager of the St. Mary's County Museum Division. "On this day, we honor the meeting of two cultures – the newly-arrived English and the native Piscataway – and the friendship and collaboration that ensued. It is also a day on which we celebrate Maryland's religious history and its place in the development of the statutes of religious freedom that are so pivotal in this country's history."

For more information regarding Maryland Day at St. Clement's Island Museum, please call the museum at 301-769-2222, or visit Facebook.com/SCIMuseum or museums.stmarysmd.com.

Press Release from St. Mary's County.

New Emergency Medical Services Chief Named

George W. Edelen has been named Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Chief Edelen is retiring after a distinguished career with the federal government, most recently serving as Regional Assistant Fire and EMS Chief for Naval District Washington Fire and Emergency Services.

"Chief Edelen comes to us with a long history of EMS service, particularly in leadership roles. As we continue to enhance our emergency services, we are fortunate to have an experienced and qualified leader heading the EMS Division. I look forward to working with Chief. Edelen," said Steve Walker, Director of Emergency Services.

"I am enthusiastically looking forward to working with my community in this capacity," said Chief Edelen. "I want to be a resource to our volunteers and career service providers as they do the invaluable work of saving



George W. Edelen

lives every day. St. Mary's County has an incredibly skilled group of women and men serving as emergency responders, and it is my privilege to work alongside them."

Chief Edelen's hiring is effective Monday, April 4, 2022.

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Waterside Music Series Returns This Summer

Calvert Marine Museum to Host Old Dominion and Brothers Osborne



Old Dominion



Brothers Osborne

The sounds of summer in Solomons will return this year with the 2022 Waterside Music Series at Calvert Marine Museum (CMM). CMM is excited to finally welcome back musicians to perform live at the PNC Waterside Pavilion this summer!

To kick off concert season, GRAMMY nominated Nashville band Old Dominion will perform at the Calvert Marine Museum's PNC Waterside Pavilion on Friday, June 10 as part of their summer tour. Old Dominion are currently the reigning CMA and ACM "Group of the Year." Most recently, the band won their 5th consecutive "Group of the Year" award at the 2022 ACM Awards and took home their

4th consecutive "Vocal Group of the Year" win at the 2021 CMA Awards. The band has notched eight No.1 singles at country radio, surpassed one billion on-demand streams, earned several Platinum and Gold single certifications and headlined arenas and amphitheaters around the globe. Tickets are \$39 - \$89 (additional fees apply) and will be available at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com beginning April 5th for CMM members and April 8th for the general public.

Maryland native duo, Brothers Osborne, will take the stage for CMM's second concert of the season on Saturday, July 16. Brothers Osborne are currently on their WE'RE NOT FOR

EVERYONE TOUR, hitting over 50 markets including New York, Los Angeles, Vancouver, Dallas, Atlanta and more. The singer/songwriter siblings took home their fourth "Vocal Duo of the Year" trophy at the 55th Annual CMA Awards, in addition to being named ACM "Duo of the Year" twice. Overall, Brothers Osborne have collected five CMA and five ACM trophies, and stand as nine-time GRAMMY nominees - including vying for Best Country Album (Skeletons) and Best Country Duo/Group Performance ("Younger Me") at the upcoming 64th GRAMMY Awards. Tickets are \$39 - \$69 (additional fees apply) and will be available at [\[www.calvertmarinemuseum.com\]\(http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com\) beginning April 19th for CMM members and April 22nd for the general public.](http://www.calvert-</p></div>
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As always, CMM members will be able to purchase tickets before the general public. To become a member and enjoy all that the museum has to offer year-round, visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com or call 410-326-2042, ext. 8063.

Proceeds from the Waterside Music Series support the education and preservation efforts of the Calvert Marine Museum.

For additional information, please visit the website at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

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Major Cannabis Operation Draws Fire

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

An industrial-sized medical marijuana growing operation in Avenue now under construction has been known to county officials, as well as planning, public works, and health department staff for the past four years but only now is the public awakening to the fact.

Documents obtained by The County Times regarding the facility being constructed on Abell Road show that officials have labeled it a horticultural operation, and, thus, under the zoning ordinance was not subject to go before the county planning commission, board of appeals or any kind of public hearing.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt railed against the project during the regular business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County this week.

He said he had only been informed of its existence in recent days by nearby residents who are concerned about the project's progress.

"I was appalled at what's being built in the critical area," Hewitt said. "There are challenges getting approvals for decks...different small things like that.

"There are challenges getting approvals by the Critical Area Commission."

The Critical Area Commission, documents show, has been aware of the project for years; the commission strictly regulates growth of any kind on land that is within 1,000 feet of the watershed.

Hewitt noted the stark contrast between the trials of most property owners trying to make small changes in critical area land they own and the scale of the project now under scrutiny.

The facility is located in what is known as the resource conservation area (RCA) portion of the critical area, which is the most restrictive when it comes to allowing development.

The building currently under construction is 52,850 square feet in size, Hewitt said on Tuesday, on approximately 26 acres of rural land.

"They have a 119-space parking lot for what they claim to be just 20 employees," Hewitt said. "This just does not make sense."

Hewitt questioned how such a project, whose plans include, another large climate controlled growing house as well as administrative offices, could not be placed under more public scrutiny before now.

The site in currently encircled by a chain link fence.

"How in the world does something like that get approval, to get a permit, without a public hearing; no input from the residents," Hewitt said. "It's just a monstrosity sitting there."

The answer may lie in an official document dated Oct. 1 of last year,



that, according to Bill Hunt, planning and zoning director, is a history of the decision regarding the approval of the site.

The document was part of an e-mail transmission to Commissioner John O'Connor sent Feb. 17 that O'Connor in turn sent to The County Times on Feb. 24, shortly after community members concerned over the project had informed journalists of its existence.

"There are two potential use categories in the Zoning Ordinance for growing and processing cannabis. These are use type 2. Agricultural Industry, Minor, which is described as the 'Processing, drying or storage of crop and animal products, including minor dairy processing facilities and small-scale grain mills.' The other use is use type 5. Crop Production and Horticulture, which is: 'Agricultural activity primarily engaged in raising and harvesting of orchard crops, row crops, or field crops on an agricultural or commercial basis, including primary processing and packaging, but excluding canning and secondary food production. Includes horticultural operations engaged in cultivation of flowers, fruits, vegetables, or ornamental trees and shrubs on a wholesale basis with incidental retail sales,'" the memo, which is not on county letter head, nor is it signed, stated.

"Growing and processing cannabis could have been assigned to either use; or if the Department had thought cannabis growing did not fit in either, a new use would have had to have been added to the Zoning Ordinance," the memo continued. "The department made the decision that the growing and processing of legalized cannabis should be classified under the Crop Production and Horticulture use.

"The major difference between Crop Production and Horticulture and Agricultural Industry, Minor from a zoning approval perspective is that Agricultural Industry, Minor requires site plan approval, but Crop Production and Horticulture does not. Putting the use as Crop Production and Horticulture meant that a cannabis project would not be reviewed and approved through a public hearing.

Neighboring property owners would not be notified of a pending application for the use."

That memo went on to postulate that even if the project went before the county's planning commission, the membership there would have likely approved the plan.

"The Planning Commission would have had to apply the criteria in the Zoning Ordinance, and, using these criteria, there would not have been a reason for the Planning Commission to deny the concept site plan," the memo reads.

The planning commission has, in fact, rejected concept site plans in the past even though planning staff have reported those plans met all of the zoning ordinance criteria.

Charlie Mattingly, the applicant for the project, said he has been sharing his plans with the community from the beginning which was 2018.

"We've been extremely transparent," Mattingly told The County Times. "I shared our exact site plan with neighbors."

"It's come down to a couple of neighbors who are spreading misinformation about the project."

Mattingly said the project includes an additional "50,000 square foot building for a growing house," that is now under construction, while a 2,500 square foot facility already exists for breeding different strains of cannabis.

"There are already 200 to 300 plants there already," Mattingly said.

A 50,000 square-foot greenhouse has been approved for construction, he said, for more growing capacity "if the market needs it."

"Right now it doesn't need it."

A 10-foot berm will be constructed around the fence, he said, to conceal it, while the entire facility will be covered by a ring of cypress trees that will grow to 30 feet "so no one will have to see it."

The multiple air control systems flowing into the facility will also be housed, Mattingly said, to eliminate noise.

The smell of the plants will be suppressed, he said, by the application of a special enzyme in the air of the grow house.

The project would use a maximum of 5,000 to 7,000 gallons per day of water, Mattingly said, in a recirculating hydroponic water system, which would be fed by a single well.

The full buildout of the project could bring in as many as 120 employees, mostly from the surrounding communities, Mattingly said, and would be used in to avoid traffic problems.

David Weiskopf, interim county administrator, said that the project was proceeding, to his knowledge, "pursuant to all state and local laws."

Weiskopf said the decision made by Hunt to classify the project as horticultural rather than a minor industrial agricultural project was appropriate.

"Mr. Hunt made his decision based on the fact that the state and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have classified it as agriculture," Weiskopf, who up until recently was the head county attorney, said. "I don't think he was wrong in his decision at the time.

"It's a defensible decision."

But, Weiskopf admitted that not all counties acted as did St. Mary's.

"Could a 21st century barn have a bathroom?" Weiskopf said. "I get it; I see both sides of the argument.

"It's not my area of expertise but I can see how some jurisdictions could say this belongs in a commercial district or an industrial district."

Commissioner Todd Morgan said the commissioner board was reviewing the project and the process to get to this point.

"The commissioners are aware of the issues regarding the cannabis facility in the 7th District," Morgan said. "I hosted a meeting between residents, county staff, [the Department of Land Use and Growth Management], St. Mary's County Health Department and Soil Conservation District to discuss the issues.

"The commissioners take seriously residents' concerns and are researching all issues; we are in contact with state agencies, the [Maryland Medical Cannabis] Commission, legal and other parties to determine the appropriate course/courses of action."

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

Legal Notice

IN THE MATTER OF RAGRNALD DAVID HAYES
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO REGINALD DAVID HAYES

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

Case No.: C-18-FM-22-000154
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name from RAGRNALD DAVID HAYES to REGINALD DAVID HAYES. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: I went to the DMV in MD for a new driver's license, they told me that they had to use the name that's on my birth certificate (Ragrmd). When I started public school, the name was Reginald David Hayes.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 04/14/2022. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

Debra J. Burch,
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Reckless Endangerment

On March 2, 2022, Cpl. Maloy responded to the 28200 block of Mechanicsville Road in Mechanicsville, for the reported individual with a gun. Investigation determined **Francis Wayne Bridgette**, age 57 of Mechanicsville, was outside the victim's residence brandishing a firearm. Bridgette was arrested and charged with Reckless Endangerment.



Francis Wayne Bridgette

Assault

On March 7, 2022, Dep. Dixon responded to the 27100 block of Barton Street in Mechanicsville, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Norman Jim Goedecke**, age 53 of Mechanicsville, struck the victim on the leg with a metal pipe, causing visible injury. Goedecke was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Norman Jim Goedecke

Burglary

On March 3, 2022, Dep. Wilson responded to the 42200 block of Ridge Road in Mechanicsville, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Joseph Lloyd Welch Jr.**, age 31 of Leonardtown, broke a window on the door of the victim's camper, and then entered the victim's camper. The victim further advised Welch made threats to burn the victim's camper down. Welch was arrested and charged with Burglary 3rd Degree, Threat of Arson and Property Destruction.



Joseph Lloyd Welch Jr.

Assault/Property Destruction

On March 7, 2022, Dep. Reynolds responded to the 22000 block of Pt. Lookout Road in Leonardtown, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Jessica Lynne Gibson**, age 35 of Lexington Park, assaulted the two victims by shoving both victims. Gibson also broke a window at the residence by throwing an unknown item at the window, shattering the window. Gibson was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree and Malicious Destruction of Property.



Jessica Lynne Gibson

Editor's Note:

The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

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How to Cut Costs On Home Renovations



Do you still have an avocado green kitchen? Is your living room dank and dark? Perhaps there is only one bathroom for a family of six? Answering yes to any of these questions could serve as the catalyst for a home renovation project.

Home improvement projects come in all shapes and sizes — some with huge budgets and others that are more cost-conscious. Regardless of what homeowners hope to achieve with their renovations, a common goal across any price point is a desire to save as much money as possible. Home renovations can be expensive, but there are ways to cut costs.

• **Assess the merit of the project.**

Remodeling magazine annually publishes a “Cost vs. Value Report” that lists the average cost and return on investment homeowners can expect of various types of projects. If you’re planning to sell your home soon, it may be best to focus on repairs and renovations that will generate the most substantial ROI.

• **Hire a contractor.**

Even avid do-it-yourselfers can sometimes benefit from a contractor’s expertise, particularly for complex tasks. Don’t waste money by trying tough jobs yourself; rely on an experienced contractor who can get supplies for less money and will do the job right the first time. Compare bids from several different contractors and figure out the best value.

• **Refurbish existing features.**

Rather than a complete gut and rebuild, figure out where you can revitalize existing fixtures and more. For example, refinishing existing cabinets can save you up to 50 percent compared with the

cost of new cabinetry, according to Angi (formerly Angie’s List), a cost comparison and business review resource.

• **Choose midgrade materials.**

Certain materials may be all the rage but they come with a higher price tag. Angi reports that granite counters could be \$60 to \$100 per square foot. However, a composite or laminate that looks like granite and wears well may be \$10 to 40 per square foot. Figure out where you can choose middle-of-the-road materials for maximum value.

• **Avoid peak seasons.**

You’ll pay more to install a deck or a pool right before the outdoor entertaining season. There also may be a premium to get work done right before a major holiday. Therefore, consult the calendar to find an off time for a renovation and book it then to save.

• **Do some prep work.**

You might be able to save by doing some of the demolition and preparatory work yourself. For example, you can tear up old carpeting before the installation of new tile floors. Perhaps you can mend and patch up walls before a paint job.

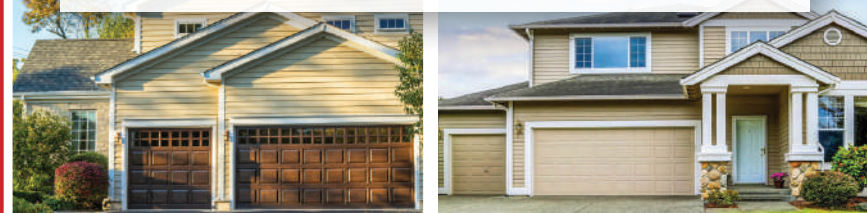
• **Buy a display item.**

Former showroom kitchens and baths often are sourced at a fraction of their recommended retail prices, according to Real Homes, a home remodel guide based in the United Kingdom. Retailers often update their displays and you may score existing showroom items at a discount.

Renovations can be expensive, but there are many different ways to cut costs.



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TECH TO MAKE GARDENING MORE FUN

Many people take to the great outdoors to escape the increasingly tech-driven daily grind. Though that's an understandable perspective, gardeners who aren't deploying tech in their home gardens could be missing out on a host of benefits that could help their plants, flowers and vegetables thrive.

Devices like smartphones and tablets have made many aspects of life easier and more efficient, and various tech products can do the same when working in the garden.

• **Plant monitor:** Plant monitors are sensors that can keep tabs on the health of plants and deliver that information to gardeners. Plant monitors often connect to smartphones via Bluetooth and can deliver information on the amount of heat, light and water a plant is getting. Sensors vary in price, and some will provide more information than others. But these sensors are ideal for gardeners who love their plants but often forget to check up on them each day.

• **Garden camera:** Critters and insects are the bane of many gardeners' existence. Determining just what is nibbling away at flowers and plants isn't always so easy, as many animals are savvy enough to restrict their dining to the middle of the night and insects are so small they can be hard to spot. Garden cameras can serve as the watchmen of a garden and gardeners can review footage to determine just who is compromising all of their hard work. They can then use that knowledge to remedy the situation and give their plants a better chance to thrive.

• **Weather station:** Even the most seasoned gardeners cannot document the conditions outside as effectively as a good weather sensor. Weather sensors track conditions such as temperature, relative humidity and air quality. This information can then be paired with irrigation devices to ensure plants get all the care they need to thrive throughout the season.

• **Garden hub:** Avid gardeners have traditionally had to arrange for neighbors or loved ones to tend



to their plants when they leave home for vacation or weekend getaways. Garden hubs can take care of that by pairing with smart irrigation systems that ensure plants are watered even when no one is home. Certain hubs even gather and analyze local weather conditions to develop a watering schedule to ensure plants thrive.

These hubs aren't just handy when on vacation, as they can be great for gardeners who want to know things about their plants that are not apparent to the naked eye.

People may see their gardens as welcome respites from their devices. But garden gadgets can help plants thrive and make time in the garden that much more enjoyable.



Stay safe around power lines

With the return of spring, many people are excited to head outdoors and get started on some projects around the house and yard. It's important to stay safe and be aware of overhead power lines. Look up.

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POPULAR INSECT REPELLANT PLANTS



Homeowners choose plants for their properties based on a number of variables. Some may be into growing their own foods, while others desire their gardens to be an awe-inspiring mélange of bright colors and alluring scents. There's no wrong reason to plant a fresh garden, but some plants offer extra benefits, such as repelling insects.

Insects can be a nuisance and a threat to individuals' overall health. According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, insect-borne diseases are viral and bacterial illnesses that develop from insect bites. Mosquitoes, sand flies and fleas are some examples of insects that can pass on disease. Fever, chills, headache, and muscle soreness are just a few of the more common symptoms linked to insect-borne diseases.

The good news for avid gardeners is that certain plants can help repel insects and provide the additional benefits like fresh food and aesthetic appeal that so many people love.

• Basil

The aroma of fresh basil is enough to compel any gardener to make a place for it in their garden. But there's more to fresh basil than its scent, as the Farmers Almanac notes it can be used to repel mosquitoes and moths.

• Lavender:

Fleas, flies, mosquitoes, and moths are not fans of this aromatic and colorful member of the mint family. Bees tend to be drawn to lavender, a durable plant that many garden centers recommend

in areas prone to drought or hot summers without much precipitation.

• Mint

Mint is another plant that is instantly recognizable for its aroma. But mint lovers may not realize that it's also great for keeping ants at bay. Mint also can be used to repel mosquitoes, but gardeners with no experience planting mint should plant it in pots. That's because the Farmers Almanac notes mint is an especially aggressive spreader that can quickly take over a garden. Separating mint in pots can prevent it from bullying its way into other plants' domains.

• Lemongrass

Lemongrass is a tropical grass that's so fragrant it's often used in perfumes. Lemongrass contains citronella, which many people associate with repelling mosquitoes. A potted lemongrass plant can repel these unwanted guests, keeping them away from decks, porches and/or patios all summer long.

• Chrysanthemums

The Farmers' Almanac® recommends using chrysanthemums, which repel a range of insects from bedbugs to fleas to ants, as border plants around a home. That's because they contain the natural insecticide pyrethrin, which can serve as something of an insect-repelling boundary around a home.

Insects are unwanted guests around a home each spring, summer and fall. Certain plants can help repel insects and serve as an eco-friendly alternative to insecticides.

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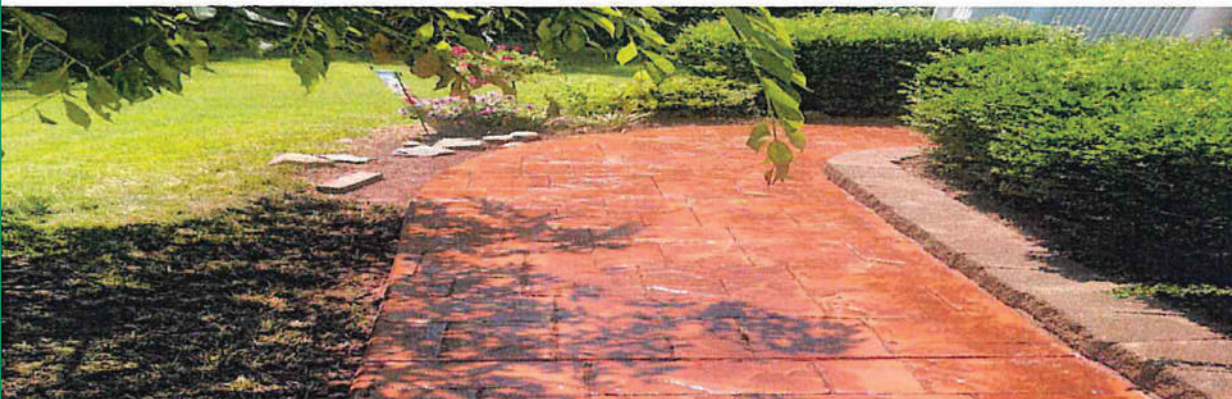
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WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT OUTDOOR LIVING SPACES



Home trends come and go. What was popular as recently as a decade ago may have lost some luster in the eyes of today's home buyers. Though that's historically been the case in regard to real estate, outdoor living rooms are one relatively recent home trend that figures to have a longer shelf life, especially in the aftermath of a global pandemic during which people were encouraged to stay home as much as possible.

Real estate professionals and organizations like the National Association of Home Builders note the popularity of outdoor living spaces among prospective home buyers, and how that popularity has grown in recent years. Outdoor living rooms not only appeal to potential buyers, they also serve as a means for current homeowners to get more out of their properties. Homeowners mulling outdoor living space projects should consider various factors before deciding to go ahead with a project.

• Cost

The home renovation resource HomeAdvisor estimates that the average cost of an outdoor living space is around \$7,600. That cost can easily go up depending on where homeowners live and the features they want to have in their outdoor living spaces. For example, including a built-in fire pit in an outdoor living space will cost more than purchasing a stand-alone fire pit that can be picked up and moved. But many homeowners feel a built-in fire pit makes an outdoor living space even more special.

• Return on investment

Return on investment is another factor for homeowners to consider as they try to decide if they should install outdoor living spaces and how to design those areas. Much conflicting data about the ROI on outdoor kitchens can be found online, but many trusted real estate organizations report that such additions do not mesmerize prospective buyers. Data from the American Institute of Architects indicates that outdoor kitchens are routinely ranked among the least desirable home features, which means homeowners should not expect substantial ROI when selling their homes. But that built-in fire pit? Estimates from the National Association of Realtors suggest fire features recover around 67 percent of homeowners' initial investment. In addition, 83 percent of homeowners surveyed by the NAR who had installed fire features said they had a greater desire to be home after completing the project.

• Space

An outdoor living space may only be as relaxing as the space allows. The proximity of neighbors may affect privacy levels, which can make it hard to enjoy movie night outdoors or curl up to quietly read a good book. In addition, landscaping also may need to be addressed if drainage is an issue in the backyard. That can add to the cost, and drainage concerns may limit the materials homeowners can work with.

Outdoor living spaces are popular. Homeowners must consider various factors before deciding if such spaces are for them.

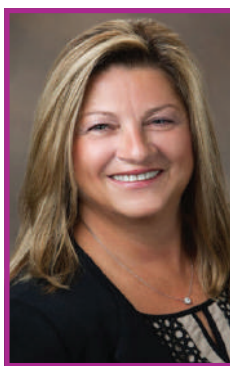
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When planning spring landscapes, homeowners should always group plants with similar water needs together. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, grouping plants with similar water needs together helps to conserve water, which can be an especially useful strategy if or when drought restrictions go into effect in summer. Homeowners also can embrace additional strategies to landscape with water conservation in mind.

For example, aerating soil helps to improve water flow to plants' roots and reduces water runoff, helping to ensure that plants get all of the water they need while reducing the likelihood that homeowners will have to use excessive amounts of water to keep plants healthy. In addition, using low-water-using types of grass can help homeowners who live in areas prone to drought conserve water while still maintaining lush, green lawns.

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How Naval Aviation is Solving its Billion-Dollar Corrosion Problem

The Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) recently patented a suite of corrosion mitigation products aimed at solving naval aviation's billion-dollar corrosion problem.

Chemists from NAWCAD developed Navguard, a family of aircraft cleaning, coating, and lubricant products to prevent rust and mildew on aircraft and their components – a problem that cost the Navy over \$2 billion for the F/A-18C-G fleet alone from 2017-2020.

“Corrosion is almost like a can-

cer,” said NAWCAD chemist, Dr. El Sayed Arafat. “If nothing is done to stop it, it keeps going until it’s too late to fix – Navguard improves readiness for the Navy and the rest of the DOD.”

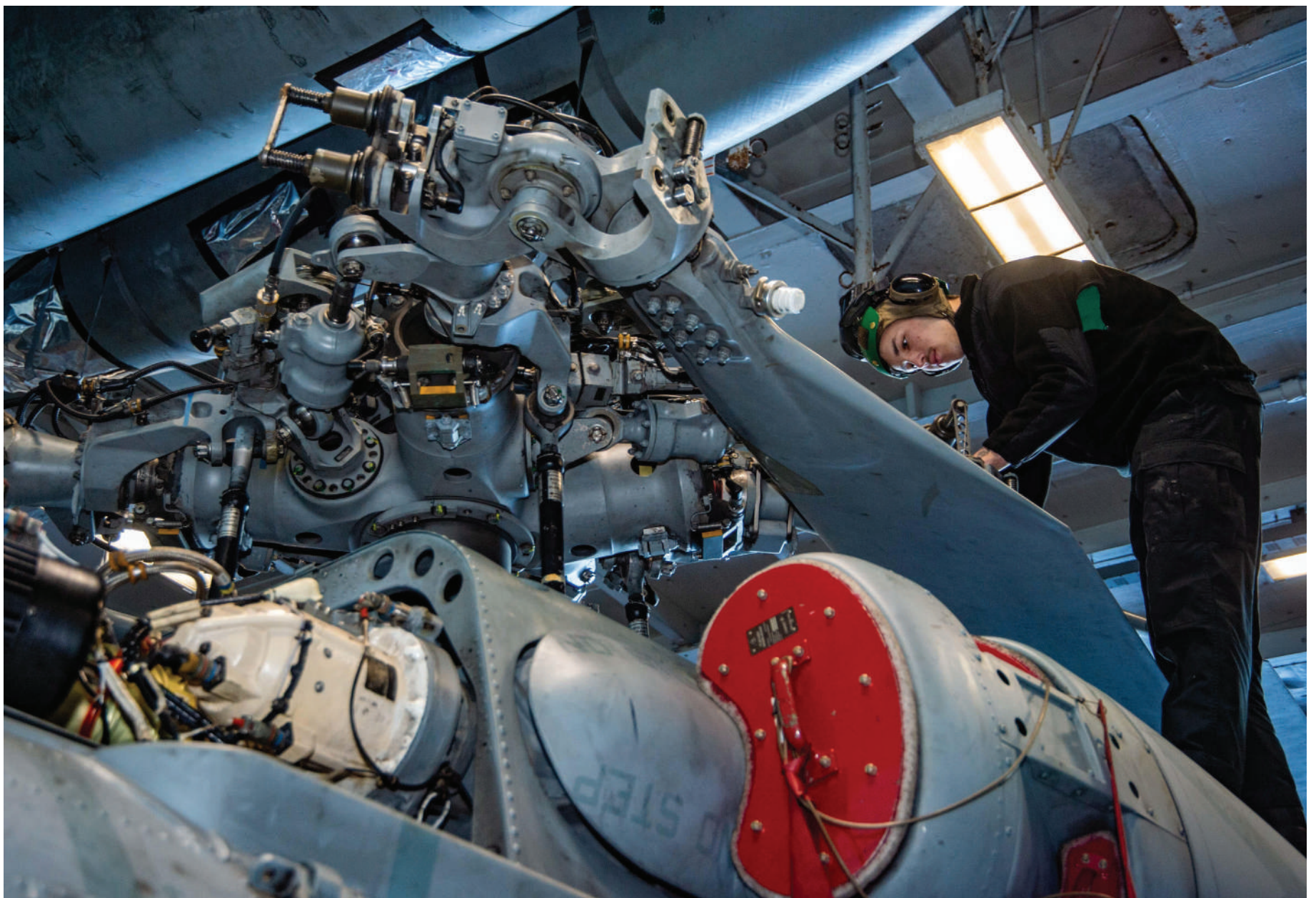
Navguard is a first-of-its-kind corrosion inhibitor for the DOD. It has a longer shelf life, is easier to apply, and lasts longer than existing corrosion prevention products on the market. It is also safer for the environment. Navguard is in service with squadrons across the fleet today.

NAWCAD has been leading

the corrosion campaign since the Navy identified corrosion as the single greatest systemic degrader across the fleet. The command, working with other system commands, has implemented a number of additional systemic mitigation initiatives to address the problem, including establishing a corrosion monitoring process across the DOD’s fleet of aircraft, and instituting Navy-wide training to improve aircraft maintainers’ approach to corrosion mitigation.

The Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division is the Navy’s

largest warfare center, employing more than 17,000 military, civilian and contract personnel. It operates test ranges, laboratories and aircraft in support of test, evaluation, research, development and sustainment of everything flown by the Navy and Marine Corps. Based in Patuxent River, Maryland, the command also has major sites in St. Inigoes, Maryland, Lakehurst, New Jersey, and Orlando, Florida.



Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman James Nickley, from Orlando, Florida, inspects corrosion on the main rotor head of the MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter in the hangar bay of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), Feb. 24, 2022. The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group is on a scheduled deployment in the U.S. Sixth Fleet area of operations in support of U.S., allied and partner interests in Europe and Africa. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Charles Blaine)

Estate Gift Supports CSM Art and STEM Programs

Also Supports Equity in Education

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation has received \$565,000 in gifts from CSM Foundation Director Emeritus Evie Hungerford in what is easily defined as the truest act of love for her lifelong friend Nancy Stevens McMullin, and their collective enduring commitment to education.

McMullin, a former Maryland educator, art enthusiast, world traveler, and Charles County socialite, died in 2020 at the age of 83 leaving her best friend Hungerford as the trustee and executor of her extensive estate. Hungerford, in turn, is showering non-profits in Southern Maryland with donations in McMullin's name – including the CSM Foundation.

Specifically, the funds from the estate will support CSM's Kids College STEAM programming, the Innovation Studio, and Makerspace at the Velocity Center as well as STEM, Arts and Nursing/Healthcare programs. Hungerford also established the Nancy Stevens McMullin Scholarship Endowment to support CSM students in the Arts. In recognition of these generous gifts, the multi-purpose room at CSM's Velocity Center will be named in McMullin's honor and a room will be named at the college's new Center for Health Sciences when it is completed at CSM's Regional Hughesville Campus this fall.

McMullin's estate is also providing the final funds needed to fully endow CSM's new Distinguished Professor of Equity in Education. The \$75,000 endowment, established by CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy last fall, will support a selected professor each year who will mobilize equity programming for faculty, staff, administrators, students, and the Southern Maryland region.

"We are all – and I know I speak for everyone at CSM – simply overwhelmed and honored by this enormous act of generosity," shared Murphy. "Evie is not just creating a beautiful legacy in Nancy's name. These gifts will serve our communities for decades to come. We are truly grateful."

"She would love the idea of supporting CSM in this way," Hungerford said of McMullin. "She would be tickled. She was an educator at heart. Nancy always wanted to know every little thing that was going on. As a creative teacher and art aficionado, she saw and approached everything with curi-

osity and excitement. She always asked a thousand questions and shared her knowledge in ways that held everyone's attention. Helping to spur innovation and support art programs at CSM would absolutely give her a thrill."

Hungerford describes her lifelong friendship with McMullin as committed and loyal. The two met in 1957 after McMullin relocated from Indiana to Hungerford's Indian Head hometown with her first husband Gordon Blumfield, who was stationed at the base then known as the Naval Propellant Plant. McMullin became the new 5th grade teacher at Indian Head Elementary School and it didn't take long for Hungerford and McMullin to begin socializing and create a deep friendship that Hungerford now recounts as sisterly.

"We were frick and frack," Hungerford laughed. "But she became everything to me. And I know Vince [Evie's husband] and I were everything to her, too."

The two spent their friendship at dances on the base, playing golf, hosting parties and fundraisers and supporting each other's professional lives. In fact, Hungerford and McMullin began their relationship with Charles County Community College (CCCC) when McMullin was married to her second husband, former CCCC President Jay Carsey.

Hungerford's career saw her establish Hungerford Associates Advertising, Design and Public Relations in 1977. In the late 1980s and 90s, she was the first woman in Maryland to chair a Chamber of Commerce followed by the first female to chair the Charles County Economic Development Commission. During that time frame she was also appointed by the Charles County Commissioners to their new Economic Development Department's Advisory Board for the Arts, Entertainment and Tourism. Evie served on the CSM Foundation from 1998 to 2008 and was chair from 2003 through 2005. She and her husband Vince also received the Trustees Distinguished Service Award from the College of Southern Maryland in 2007.

"Evie and Vince's commitment to CSM is remarkable," said CSM Foundation Executive Director Chelsea Clute. "They have made quite an impact by helping to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to support our students. And now, with the legacy she is creating for



Evie Hungerford, left, describes her friendship with Nancy Stevens McMullin, right, as 'extraordinary.'

Nancy, everyone can understand why we call Evie the godmother of the CSM Foundation. Her passion for education and the arts is contagious."

"We had an extraordinary life," Hungerford said of her and McMullin's time together. "Nancy had boundless energy and there was no competing with her charm. She was the best possible auntie to our children Pam and Tony."

McMullin's career took her from Charles County Public Schools as a teacher to Prince George's Public Schools where she served as a principal for more than a decade. Perhaps it was her "free-spirit, eccentric, unique superpowers" (all words Hungerford uses to describe McMullin) that took her to her next career in the art world.

In the late 80s, McMullin became the administrator of 'Very Special Arts – Maryland' a Kennedy Center-supported program that worked with disabled artists to lift their work, create equity for their contributions and bring visibility to their talents.

"Nancy was amazing at Very Special Arts," Hungerford explained. "She took challenged artists, piano players, dancers and

she did wonderful things for them. She found her world with that job. She loved it."

In 1999, McMullin met and married her third husband, retired estate attorney Joseph McMullin. They retired in homes both in Annapolis and North Myrtle Beach until the times of their deaths which occurred six months apart.

"Nancy was many things: Intelligent, curious, strong-willed, focused, articulate hedonistic," Hungerford shared. "She was fun loving and never knew a stranger. Once known, however, you would never forget her."

The CSM Foundation, a non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1970, helps increase access to higher education at CSM through scholarship funding and assures the excellence of that education by raising and managing funds for college projects and objectives – including workforce development in Southern Maryland. The CSM Foundation is comprised of a tri-county, all-volunteer board of directors. To learn more about the CSM Foundation or to donate, visit the CSM Foundation online.

Press Release from CSM

Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



WISHING YOU IRISH LUCK



"For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way: Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day." An anonymous quote I found – hoping it was really from an Irish source originally.

Today, the day before St. Patrick's Day, I may place my pot of Shamrocks back outside that dear friends gave me many years ago. There have been many times I thought I have killed the poor plant when I had it up high here in the office and would forget to water it. It would look dead with withered, brown stalks hanging over the sides, and I would water it anyway just in case, only to see lots of new little shamrocks coming up a few days later. I do know that it does not like too much water either. A few months ago, I put it down by the woodstove and it has thrived, in spite of my husband's quest to keep our home at a constant temperature of 150 degrees. Even my stems (limbs, hair, and one brain cell I possess) were starting to wilt. During Lent, I sometimes feel like I am that shamrock plant, neglecting to water or nourish my mind and soul, and I have to remember actively and deliberately to read something inspiring or to look for the good in a day where I feel like what else can go wrong. I may go back and read *First Light* by Sue Monk Kidd which was one of those A ha type books that stays in your mind forever.

I will also probably start looking for 4 and maybe 5 leaf clovers in the yard. You never know what oddities nature can create. And a little Irish luck never hurt anybody, especially in this household at present. Looking for clovers and heart-shaped rocks is always a favorite pastime with some of the grandkids and also with the neighbor's grandkids when they were little. Teenagers don't think this is fun of course. That's okay, I still enjoy it.

I am really looking forward to our Christ Church, Chaptico's St. Patrick's Day dinner this Saturday. It is so great to get together as a church community again to cook, set-up the space, laugh, talk, and then to enjoy an evening of corned beef and cabbage and potatoes, and devour the amazing desserts. We

will listen to music from the Bushmill Band and maybe do a little jig or two on the dance floor. Maybe not me, but you never know. According to Lenten disciplines, "fasting and abstinence are relaxed on Sundays during Lent. Sundown Saturday until sundown Sunday is always a celebration, a Feast, of Jesus' Resurrection, and therefore Lenten disciplines are supposed to be put on hold". So, we should be okay enjoying Saturday evening. And what could be more wonderful during Lent than sharing your life in a community, whether it be a church, fraternal organization, sport, or fun club?

Saturday night I will let my Shelby Coffey side come out and channel my County Cork roots. Lenten restrictions are normally lifted on St. Patrick's Day. Maybe someday I will get to Ireland on a St. Patrick's Day to sit in a pub or watch one of their parades. It would also be fun to find a relative or two. The day is the commemoration of when he died and for St. Patrick bringing Christianity to Ireland.

I hope you have a fun St. Patrick's Day and weekend as well, because as is said, "Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day". I may even do a drowning of the shamrock like they did at the family dinner table on Blue Bloods last week. It looked like fun. I just read online that, "The Saint Patrick's Day custom of "drowning the shamrock" or "wetting the shamrock" was historically popular. At the end of the celebrations, especially in Ireland, a shamrock is put into the bottom of a cup, which is then filled with whiskey, beer, or cider. It is then drunk as a toast to Saint Patrick, Ireland, or those present. The shamrock would either be swallowed with the drink or taken out and tossed over the shoulder for good luck." I bet this will work just as good in my drink of choice, The Kentucky Mule...but I may do the throw the shamrock over the shoulder thing instead. May the luck o' the Irish be with you!

To each new day's adventure, Shelby. Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook.

A View From The BLEACHERS



EQUILIBRIUM

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

A kid went to college years ago with designs on being an engineer. He didn't know exactly what an engineer did; he did know engineering was a career with positive employment prospects and salaries that would provide a fellow access to life's biggest spoils (which at the time consisted of - in any particular order - baseball cards, craft beer and music).

Then the prospective engineer ran headfirst into the realities of the engineering academic curriculum – calculus and chemistry, specifically. He survived - barely. The grind – hours of study, anxiety, self-doubt and the uncertain safety net of curved test scores (the hope that his fellow students bombed tests too) - was sufficient to launch exploration of other disciplines. On a whim, he signed up for microeconomics.

The class changed my life. I neither understood nor had any lasting desire to decode derivatives or thermodynamics. Engineering Road was destination nowhere. Economics, however, with its confluence of history and sociology, the contrast between Adam Smith and Karl Marx and its influence on an increasingly interconnected world, matched skill and passion and provided direction for a wayward mind. As with so many things in life, the answer is blowing in the wind, as Bob Dylan suggested, and often arrives by chance.

The drifter finds purpose; that seems like another topic for another "View." For this one, it is the economic theory of supply and demand that crept its way into the sports world. It's simple, but powerful. Run quantities of a good across the X-axis and the price of said good along the Y-axis. Plot a demand and supply curve in the corresponding quadrant. The price and quantity at which the lines intersect is market nirvana – equilibrium.

Pause to enjoy angels singing

The theory implies that a free market will, despite short-term interruptions from externalities and disorienting shifts in supply or demand, find its way back to equilibrium. The NFL violates the rule: it exists in a constant state of imbalance due an unsolvable gap between the demand for quality quarterback play and the inadequate supply.

There is an appearance of equi-

librium – all 32 teams fill available quarterback positions. Yet scant few teams are satisfied with performance at the position; for those that are content, many live in discomfort over pending contract negotiations or degrading relationships with their star. Angst and dissatisfaction: these are not characteristics indicative of market equilibrium.

The quarterback market disturbances are a non-stop shock-scroll. Mitchell Trubisky is about to be overpaid, a condition Kirk Cousins has made his legacy. Green Bay just spent two years acquiescing to Aaron Rodgers, the prickly, narcissistic quarterback genius, and is seemingly giddy about the make-up cost - a four-year, \$200M contract extension for a 38-year-old. Washington, in its desperation for quarterback stability, shipped multiple picks to Indianapolis for Carson Wentz, a difficult personality who just flamed out after a year with his second NFL team. Seattle had the opposite dilemma. In Russel Wilson, it had one of the league's best. But relationships had soured and the team was in decline. Retaining your most precious resource (Wilson) would seem wise, but in the "everything has its price" quarterback market, Seattle was able to get a haul in return for Wilson – a bounty of draft picks and players – that it couldn't refuse.

Star quarterbacks: can't live with them, can't live without them, I guess.

This isn't a knock on the NFL or power-wielding elite quarterbacks. Equilibrium, regardless of the "market," is illusive – an on-going chase more than a state of being. What is really in balance? Aren't we all seekers of equilibrium in our lives – be it physical, psychological, spiritual or financial? And even if it is achieved, disruptors, both good and bad, always lurk to throw supply and demand back into chaos. Companies are bought and sold. Children arrive. War happens. Real estate or oil prices spike or plummet. Life never stops, it only pauses from time to time.

In those pauses is tranquil equilibrium. I am grateful to economics for explaining it. But understanding equilibrium doesn't change this fact: achieving it, in any capacity or for any meaningful duration, is a life-long endeavor.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

St. Mary's Community Calendar

To submit your event listing to go in our Community Calendar, please email timescalendar@countytimes.net with the listing details by 12 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication.

Thursday, Mar. 17

Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser

Action Lounge and Billiards
25470 Point Lookout Road
Leonardtown,
4p.m. to 8p.m.

Please join us to take a chance to pick a card and find the needed Queen to win. Each Thursday there will be a chance to win the jackpot, which increases each week the Queen is not found. There is also a nightly 50/50 raffle. Thank you for your support to the LVRSA.

Friday, Mar. 18

Project Linus

Loffler Senior Activity Center
21905 Chancellors Run Rd
Great Mills
10a.m. to Noon

The mission of Project Linus is twofold: To provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new handmade blankets, quilts, and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers" and to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children.

We are fortunate to have a local chapter right here in St. Mary's County! Led by Southern MD Coordinator Ginger Barnes, this group usually meets the third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. unless the 3rd Friday falls on a day the center is closed as happens in April. Do you wish to be a blanketeer? Contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com or call 301-475-4200, ext. 1655.

The Elephant in the Room

28095 Three Notch Rd.,
Suite 2C, Mechanicsville
6p.m. to 7:30p.m.

This grief program is for anyone who is supporting a grieving friend, family member or co-worker. There is no fee to attend but registration IS required at www.melindaruppertlpc.com

Saturday, Mar.19

So. Md. Decorative Painters Meeting & Paint-In

Charlotte Hall Library
37600 New Market Rd
Charlotte Hall

9:30a.m. to 4p.m.

Doors open at 9:00 AM for setup.

A business meeting will start at 10:00, followed by a Lisbeth Stull painting project, "Let Heaven and Nature Sing" led by Karen.

Guests are always welcome and should contact us for supply and project info if you'd like to paint on the date of your visit.

We also offer this class the same day on zoom if you're not able to get out but would still like to participate in this event.

You can visit our website at www.smdpaint.org/Calendar.html. It does need updated at the current time. Any questions contact Garnett Joy @ 301-452-7099 or email garnettjoy@gmail.com.

Southern Maryland Fishing & Outdoor Adventure Fair

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
42455 Fairgrounds Road
Leonardtown
8a.m. to 3p.m.

The Southern Maryland Recreational Fishing Organization (SMRFO), Inc. is sponsoring a Southern Maryland Fishing & Outdoor Adventure Fair on 19 & 20 March, 2022—8:00am—3:00pm both days. The event will include selections of rods/reels, lures, umbrellas, tackle, outdoor sports gear, paintings, crafts, and more. Featured speakers include Lenny Rudow, editor of Saltwater Fishing (Saturday at 9:00am) and Eric Packard, Freshwater Fishing (Saturday at 10:00am). The USPS Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron will be conducting a Maryland Safe Boating class, starting on Saturday at 9:00am; exam and certification starts on Sunday at 9:00am. The event also includes a kids casting contest, door prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. Admission is \$5.00, payable at the entrance (kids age 12 and under are free). Tell them you saw the announcement on the SoMD Internet Calendar.

Monday, Mar. 21

Companions and Buddies for Singles Seniors

23630 Hayden Farm Ln
Leonardtown
5p.m. to 7p.m.

This is a group of singles seniors ages 50 and up. We meet on Mondays at the Leonardtown Library. We have half hour socializing. We plan on events to go to such as movies, dine out, movies, plays, picnics and trips. For more information call Christine

Olson 301-997-4160 or email mccambridgec@yahoo.com or just show up.

Wednesday, Mar. 23

Dog Anesthesia-Free Teeth Cleaning Event

40845 Merchants Lane
Unit 100
Leonardtown
9:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Monthly Pop Up Event @ Earth-Wise Pet in Leonardtown!

Dazzling Canines specializes in providing anesthesia-free teeth cleanings for dogs! With over 10 years of experience in the veterinary industry, our technicians can give your pet the holistic preventative oral care it needs to thrive for years to come. Cleanings take approximately 60 minutes to restore fresh breath and a clean smile for your furry loved one. Using essential oil-based products and our

specialized relaxation techniques, we hope to achieve a calming experience for your pet all while they are wide awake! In conjunction with traditional dental cleanings under anesthesia, we strive to educate pet parents on the steps to prevent oral disease both with their primary care veterinarian and at home. Our teeth cleaning services provide peace of mind that your pet can get excellent dental care with safe methods and without the extended down time afterwards. Get your dog that dazzling smile & schedule an appointment today!

Link to schedule is dazzlingcanines.myonlineappointment.com or you can call (443)347-4481 or email info@dazzling-canines.com.

\$50 deposit is required to book but is included in the overall price (which is \$300). No anesthesia and the cleaning takes approximately an hour with no downtime!

Pet OF THE WEEK MEET MAX

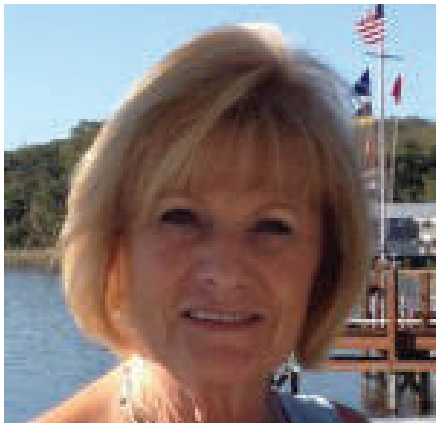


Sometimes what you're looking for Comes when you're not looking at all.

Hello, my name is Max. My TCAS pals say I'm like the PATIENT grandpa who is MELLOW with everyone. At 6 YEARS OLD, I'm a very LAID BACK DAPPER BOY who could enjoy a retirement type life. You know, lazing around in the sun and happily enjoying some yummy snacks! If I would fit into your quiet lifestyle then email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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Mary Ellen Bowles Barone

Mary Ellen Bowles Barone, 78, of St. Mary's City, Maryland passed away on March 10th 2022. She was born on April 11, 1943, in Leonardtown, Maryland and was the daughter of the late Susan Alberta Ellis Bowles and John Ignatius Bowles, Sr. Mary was the loving wife of the late Robert "Bob" James Barone, whom she married in August of 1981 in Ventura, California and who preceded her in death in July of 1991.

Mary is survived by her children, Leslie Abell Thomas (Todd Groszner) of St. Mary's City, MD, Robin Marie Abell of Van Nuys, California, Timothy Wayne "Tim" Abell (Diana Abell) of Lusby, Maryland, Sharon Ellen "Shari" Abell (Scot Rebello) of Oviedo, Florida, her

loving Yorkie companion, Mischa, her grandchildren, Danielle Catherine Voegeli (Nick), Tyler Paige Ditoto, Jordan Samantha Abell, and her great-grandchildren, Braelyn Madison Moore, Annabella Catherine "Annie" Voegeli and Alexander Emil "Alex" Voegeli; along with her siblings Howard Frederick "Freddie" Bowles (Kitty), Susan "Sue" Josephine Huber (Arnie), Francis Anthony "Tony" Bowles (Pat), Catherine Norma Hill, Mildred "Denise" Lundberg (Paul), Thomas Randall "Randy" Bowles (Karen), Brenda Lee Long (TV), Lucy Mae Elkins (Evan), Gerald "Jerry" Allen Bowles (Punkin), Donald "Donnie" Ellis Bowles (Ellen) and sister-in-law Mary Edna Bowles. She was preceded in death by her siblings Anna Mae Bowles, John Ignatius "Brother" Bowles, Jr., Barbara "Jean" Russell, James "Jimmy" Henry Bowles, Sr., and Sharon Ann Bowles.

Mary grew up in St. Mary's County and graduated from Leonardtown High School. After meeting the love of her life, Bob, she moved to Ventura County, California in 1981, where she lived for 20 years, before returning to St. Mary's County. She was a medical receptionist for various physicians in both Maryland and California. Mary was very well known and loved by the many patients she helped provide care to.

Mary was a devoted mother and

Nana to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her closest companion for the past nine years was her Yorkie, Mischa, whom she loved dearly. Mischa accompanied her on all of her travels and the two were inseparable. Mary enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her family and loved to entertain. She was known for her cooking and could always be counted on to arrive at a function with a delicious baked item. Mary loved traveling and cruising which included trips to Hawaii and various destinations in Mexico and the Caribbean. She enjoyed several hobbies which included bowling, bunco, horse-shoes, kayaking, reading, working on puzzles, crossword puzzles and sewing. The garden was where she was most happy, and she was known for her beautiful landscapes. In her later years, she reunited with friends from high school and loved meeting them for lunch and playing Scrabble.

A private celebration of life will be held to honor her. Donations may be made in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Hospice of St. Mary's County.

Mary Elizabeth "Butsy" Hanks

Mary Elizabeth "Butsy" Hanks of Lexington Park, Maryland died at the age of 73 on Sunday, March 6, 2022, while under the care Hospice of St. Mary's. She was born on September 23, 1948, in Washington, DC and was the daughter of the late Mary Jane (Rawlings) Nicholson and William Landon "Pappy" Nicholson.

Ms. Hanks is survived by her daughter, Misty Michelle Hanks of Washington, PA, her son, Woodrow Wilson Hanks III of Church Hill, TN, and granddaughter Alexis McKenzie Hanks. She is also survived by her brother Jack Nicholson of Glendive, MT; her sisters Linda Gragg-Bolick of Waldorf, MD, Nancy Badeaux of Lockport, LA, and Andrea Nicholson of Capitol Heights, MD; and a host of nieces, nephews, and their children. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Brenda Nicholson. Also surviving is her significant other Rudy Kramer of Lexington Park, MD and her daughter's

fiancé M. Scott McBride of Washington, PA.

A 1966 graduate of Bladensburg High School, Mary lived most of her life in Maryland, but also resided for a short time in Glendive, MT and Colonial Beach, VA. She had a career as a medical insurance claims processor for the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company.

Mary enjoyed keeping up with her extended family and chronicling their lives with photos and scrapbooks. It was fortunate that she had the joy of spending time with family during the last several days of her life.

In lieu of flowers, contributions should be made to Hospice at St. Mary's, 44724 Hospice Lane, Callaway, MD 20620, phone 301-994-3023, <https://www.medstarhealth.org/locations/hospice-of-st-marys>.

James Gilbert Stone, Sr., "Jimmy"

James Gilbert Stone, Sr., "Jimmy", 84, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away on March 5, 2022 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on August 20, 1937 in Medley's Neck, MD, he was the son of the late Mary Mildred Johnson and the late Joseph Vernon Stone. Jimmy was the loving husband of Dorothy Cecelia Hall Stone, whom he married on October 25, 1958. He is survived by his children Gail Stone (Dan Orwig) of Loveville, MD, Jimmy Stone, Jr. (Rolanda Stone) of Loveville, MD, and Joyce Stone of Leonardtown, MD, his siblings Jean Nelson of Leonardtown, MD, Linda Oliver of Mechanicsville, MD, and Charles Stone of Leonardtown, MD, his grandchildren Amber Stone Premore and Justin G. Stone, as well as his great grandchildren Anthony James Premore and Emelynn Rose Stone. Jimmy was preceded in death by his siblings John F. Stone, Jack Stone, Shirley Forsythe, Doris Bean, and Barbara Logan.

Jimmy was a QA Inspector for Patuxent River and Naval Research Lab, retiring in 2001. He enjoyed crabbing and working in his garden with his Farmall tractor. Jimmy also enjoyed spending time with his great nephew, Brandon Peacher, working on projects in his "man cave".

All services will be private.



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So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your GOD. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand. — Isaiah 41:10

Pearl Lee Brooks



Pearl Lee Brooks transitioned from this earthly life to eternity, Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC. She was born October 8, 1953 in Dover, Delaware to the late Rev. Dr. Rudy C. Brooks and Lou Ella Brooks.

Pearl attended St. Mary's County Public Schools. She was employed by The St. Mary's County Board of Education. Pearl worked until her health began to fail.

Pearl was blessed with a God gifted voice. At a very young age, she would grace her parents visiting company by singing a beautiful religious song entitled "In The Garden" while her siblings stood idly by. Pearl's father and mother were so proud of her singing and her parents company were elated with the beautiful melody ejected from the voice of someone so young.

Pearl enjoyed all that life had to offer. She traveled to many places. Pearl enjoyed watching her soap operas, talking on the phone with her friends and being in the company of children and grandbabies. She did not like "goodbyes". Pearl would say "see you later".

Pearl's faith in the Lord was always a testimony to the way she lived. Her friendliness and kindness towards others were unmeasurable. If you were blessed to be Pearl's friend, you were a friend for Life.

Even though Pearl endured many obstacles in life, she always maintained a beautiful smile, which accompanied her impeccable personality. Pearl prevailed in all that she set out to accomplish.

Pearl was well known for being meticulous about everything which was not limited to her appearance, work ethic and maintaining her place of residence. She was indeed a perfectionist who worked very hard throughout her entire life.

Although her presence in the flesh is no more, Pearl's spirit will always be with us. She will never be forgotten by all who loved her.

God saw that Pearl was tired. The Almighty Father loved Pearl so much, he took her to a home prepared only for her, where peace and happiness will be forever in her midst. Farewell thy good and faithful servant.

In addition to her parents, Pearl was preceded in death by her brother, Jimmie Brooks, sister, Rena Smith and brother-in-law, Francis Thompson.

She leaves to cherish her memories, sons, Timothy Brooks, Carnell Brooks (Keisha), Jamar Williams, daughter Larisa Davis, granddaughter Iyanna, grandsons, Daiquan and Level, great-granddaughter Cali Rose, brother Johnnie Brooks Sr. (Lillie), sister, Mary Brooks, Osie Shade, Sarah Brooks and Ruby Thompson (Francis-deceased) and a Host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 18, 2022, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in St. Mark's UAME Church in Valley Lee, MD where a funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM with Rev. Pete House officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

The church is requesting everyone to wear mask.

Albert Wayne Combs



Albert Wayne Combs, 51, of Dameron, MD passed away peacefully at his home on March 11, 2022 with his loving wife, Michele, by his side.

He was born on November 21, 1970, in Leonardtown, MD, to Shirley Ann Brown of Hollywood, MD, and the late Raymond "Buddy" Combs, Sr.

Wayne was born and raised in St. Mary's County. He was a 1988 graduate of Leonardtown High School. He was a Master Electrician and employed for many dedicated years with Dominion Energy. Wayne also owned and operated Patuxent River Oysters, LLC, famous for its sweet and salty oysters, popular locally and out-of-state. Being on or near the water was his happy place.

On October 19, 2019, he married his beloved wife, Michele Lee Combs, at their home overlooking

the Chesapeake Bay. Wayne enjoyed listening to music and supporting local groups by attending concerts. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan. He took great pride in growing bountiful container vegetable gardens and tending to his herbs. Wayne could often be found lending a helping hand to others, whatever the project.

He was a member of Local 26, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA). He was a volunteer for Leslie's Week, a nonprofit organization that gifts vacations to Metastatic Breast Cancer women and their families.

In addition to his mother, Shirley, and beloved wife, Michele, Wayne is also survived by his children: Emma Caroline Bracy of Lusby, MD, Tristan Mitchell Combs of Lexington Park, MD, Samantha Slade (Brandon Conner) of Lexington Park, MD, Meagan Slade (Randy Brooks) of Lexington Park, MD, and Joshua Slade (Kayla Miller) of St. Ingoes, MD; his siblings: Raymond "Buddy" Combs, Jr., Shirley Quinan (Tim), Teresa Hoblitzell (Brian) and Timothy Combs; his grandchildren, Kaia Conner and Sincere Brooks; his in-laws, Sonny and Gail Dean, his sister-in-law, Jill Mundell (Frank); brother-in-law, Doug Byrne; and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Family will receive friends on Monday, March 21, 2022, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with prayers recited at 7:00 p.m., at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 16566 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Reverend Peter Giovannoni on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Buddy Combs, Tristan Combs, Emma Bracy, and Joshua Slade will be serving as pallbearers.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

Donations may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Unit 450, Alexandria, VA 22304 and Leslie's Week, P.O. Box 5856, Annapolis, MD 21403.

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Charles Henry (Chuck) Beitzell

Charles Henry (Chuck) Beitzell, 73, of Bushwood, MD, passed away peacefully from Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma on February 24, 2022 at home with his loving family by his side. Born on August 4, 1948 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the son of the late George Lee Beitzell and Frances Martha (Battenfield) Beitzell. He was the oldest of four



children.

Chuck was in the generation of change; although only 7 at the time, he remembered Hurricane Hazel where the family barns were leveled. Incomes for many moved from farming the land to harvesting shellfish on the Potomac and its tributaries. The Naval Base expansions and technology explosions changed the character and opportunities of the county. Chuck graduated from Holy Angels Catholic School and was in the inaugural graduating class from Chopticon in 1966.

As a young adult he helped on the family farm raising tobacco and he also worked on the family boat oystering and clamming. When he was 16, he would drive his father's refrigerated truck to the Eastern Shore after school with the daily catch of soft shell clams. It was a great adventure for a 16 year old. He had many stories to tell! Once he graduated, his adventures continued from working as an apprentice machinist for Nike AFB; to building circuit breakers at Mini-Tech; to traveling to Marathon Key in Florida where he worked in maintenance for a hotel and sidelining as a First Mate on a deep sea fishing boat. His entry into the labor force was adventurous but he was homesick for his high school sweetheart, which led to his return to Bushwood and 53 years of a story book marriage and home life.

A few years after marrying Rose (Yoder), he found his ideal job working for a "small" company, AT&T, where his world burst wide open to the technological development of the communications we enjoy today. His commitment to his craft was much the same as we see in kids today playing their video games. He enjoyed his work, was good at it and rewarded with many trips including exciting places like Alaska, Australia, Haiti, Japan and Hawaii. Sometimes, Rose was able to travel with him, which was a great bonus! He was detailed to support emergency operations for FEMA in disaster relief and developing secure communications on Air Force 1. He received many commendations for his work.

Thirty years with AT&T and fifteen years with BAE System gave him many colorful friends that made his life interesting and meaningful. He was so glad to have shared his

life with them.

He was a great connoisseur of food and could tell you what alley to turn into to find the best dish in any town he travelled. He was our own Anthony Bourdaine. Most of all, he was a true family man and loved and supported each member unconditionally. His wife, Rose, is an accomplished artist and his three sons followed in his footsteps working in the world of IT. As a result of Chuck and Roses' example, their sons recognize the duty and privilege of family and community. Chuck was always fun to talk to and interested in everything. He helped make this world better. For all of these things we are thankful and will always miss him.

In addition to his parents, Chuck was predeceased by his son, Stephen Alexander (February 25, 2020) and his in-laws, Rodney and Margaret (Marge) Yoder and Gerard (Jerry) Rolape. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Rose, his twin sons, Charles Wesley Beitzell (Ai) of Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan and Caton Lee Beitzell (Dr. Ashita Goel) of Glenelg, MD, daughter-in-law, Danielle Beitzell of Seattle, Washington, and siblings Eileen Beitzell, Mary Ida Rolape and Mable (Tom) Bailey. His in-laws, Dana (Jess) Davis, Bob Martin and Dean (Peggy) Martin. Chuck was the proud grandfather of Christina Rose (Alex) and Charles Jason (CJ) Beitzell (Stephen's); Aria and Maia (Charles'); and Sejan, Roshan, and Zayn (Caton's).

The Beitzell family thanks everyone who shared special moments in his life. He loved and valued all of you so very much and cherished his time with each and every one of you.

Internment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the 7th District Volunteer Fire Department, the 7th District Rescue Squad, or Hospice of St. Mary's or The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

Christian Scott Wirth



Christian Scott Wirth, 18, of Lexington Park, MD, passed away suddenly at Penn State Altoona on

March 4, 2022, in Altoona, PA.

He was born on March 27, 2003, in Leonardtown, MD, to Christopher Scott Wirth and Karen Lisa Gay Wirth of Lexington Park, MD.

Christian is a graduate of Father Andrew White and a 2021 graduate of St. Mary's Ryken. He was in his first year at Penn State Altoona. He was an avid fan of football, particularly the New York Jets, and auto racing, IMSA and NASCAR. He played football with the Leonardtown Wildcats and rugby with the Pax River RFC. At Ryken he played on the school football team for a couple years, ran track, and spent his junior and senior year on the sailing team, where he lettered. He wrote for Penn State Altoona Collegiate Review. Every year he looked forward to the family trip to Lime Rock Park, CT, to watch sports car racing. He also enjoyed going to amusement parks, especially Hershey Park. Christian had an irresistible smile, a witty sense of humor and inviting disposition, allowing him to make many friends during his lifetime. His family was very important to him and he shared a close bond with them, especially his siblings.

In addition to his loving parents, he is also survived by his siblings: Christina Marie Wirth, Caeden Alexander Wirth and Caitlyn Francilia Wirth.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

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Dennis Lee Loeffler, Jr.



Dennis Lee Loeffler, Jr., 37 of Valley Lee, MD passed away on February 21, 2022 at his residence.

Born February 22, 1984 in Towson, MD, he was the son of Dennis Lee Loeffler, Sr. and the late Denise Norma (Cayer) Loeffler.

Dennis graduated from Patuxent High School in 2001. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 2007 until 2011, serving in Anchorage, AK. After his military service, he was a Lead Aircraft Mechanic.

Dennis is survived by his father, Dennis Lee Loeffler, Sr. of Winchester, VA; his children, Megan Loeffler and Ava Loeffler; and siblings, Heather Stone of Ridge, MD, Theresa Smith of Drayden, MD and

April Thomas of Frederick, MD. He was preceded in death by his mother, Denise Loeffler.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Lusby, MD.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

Margaret Janet Gatton "Nanna"



Margaret Janet Gatton "Nanna", 90, passed away on March 14, 2022, in Hollywood, MD. Born on December 28, 1931, in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late James Cox Harris and Amanda Victoria Cline Harris Heeter. She married Frank Starr Gatton in Holy Name Church, in Washington, DC on January 28, 1950. They were married for 60 years.

She attended Notre Dame Academy in Washington, DC. She was a daycare provider for over 30 years, foster mother, CCD teacher, and den mother. Margaret was a member of Catholic Daughters, and St. Vincent de Paul. She loved to travel, read, and play scrabble. Along with playing pitch, and canasta with family and friends. Her greatest joy in life was her family and friends.

She is survived by her children and their spouses Marvin Gatton (Gail), and Janet Norton (Henry). Along with her 13 grandchildren Angela Howe, Christina Goshorn (Donald), Bruce Norton (Becky), James Norton, Mark Norton (Kristen), Mike, Shane, Shannon, Jason Mosher (Jennifer), Jessica Mosher (Matt), Emily Gatton, Katie Gatton, Robbie Lee, and Chris Gatton (Amanda). Twelve great grandchildren Mercedes Umpstead, Sheldon Howe, Brendon Gatton, Cassi Gatton, Landon Gatton, Halli Gatton, Talon Gatton, Jacob Goshorn, Lily Grace Norton, Will Norton, Carleigh Norton, Cameron James Norton, Remi Lee, Megan Ferriter (Tyler), Harper Norton (Margaret), Myra Norton, and one great great grandchild Michael Greyson Ferriter.

She is preceded in death by her husband Frank, her sons John Phillip "JP" Gatton, Michael Gene Gatton, Christopher Gatton, and Frankie Gatton.

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 21, 2022, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 10:00 AM in St. John's Catholic Church Hollywood, MD with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Michael Gatton, James Norton, Bruce Norton, Mark Norton, Jacob Goshorn, Donald Goshorn.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Crematory Services, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

Vernon Alphonso Greene



Vernon Alphonso Greene, "Al", 57, of Callaway, MD, passed away on February 23, 2022 in Callaway, MD. Born on January 28, 1965, he was the son of Helena M. Greene of Callaway, MD, and the late Sterling E. Greene, Sr. Vernon is survived by his siblings Ronald X. Greene (Paula) of King George, VA, Wilbur A Greene, Sr. (Nadine) of Gloucester, VA, Gary T. Greene of Gloucester, VA, Tony M. Greene of Waldorf, MD, and Kenney T Greene (Brandie) of Waldorf, MD. He was preceded in death by his brother, Sterling E. Greene, Jr.

Vernon was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident, and graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1984. He was an agricultural worker for over 20 years. Vernon enjoyed detailing cars, lawn care, and word puzzles and searches.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 11, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Leonardtown, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM with Father David Beaubien officiating. Readings will be read by Dr. Victoria Goring New Testament Revelation 21:4-6, Marie Herndon Old Testament Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and the full obituary will be read. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Terrill Greene, Troy Greene, Ernest Price, Wilbur Greene, Tony M.

Greene, and Kenny Greene.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com.

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

Mary Agnes Bean Beining



Mary Agnes Bean Beining, 83, passed away peacefully at her home in Great Mills, MD on February 20, 2022 surrounded by her loving daughters after a courageous battle with congestive heart failure. She was born in Valley Lee, MD on May 11, 1938. She was the daughter of the late William Calvert Bean and Grace Elizabeth Knott Bean of Great Mills, MD.

Aggie was a bus driver for several years but most of her life she was a home maker. She loved to crochet afghans, doilies and an assortment of items. She made these items and gave them all away to family and friends. Walking on the beach and looking for shark's teeth were two of her favorite things to do. She could find sharks teeth when no one else could find them. Eating crabs, camping and family gatherings were top on her list of great times.

She was a fantastic cook and always had enough food for anyone who stopped by. You were not allowed to leave until you had eaten more than you needed, and you always left with a to go bag of goodies. She also loved to bake and was excellent at it. You could always find her pineapple upside down cake, coconut cake and/or lemon meringue pie at any family gather as they were always the requested favorites. She was always willing to bake something delicious for a bake sale to help others raise money.

She was such a caring and kind person. She rarely forgot to send a birthday card to her family and friends. She helped anyone who needed help. She never turned a blind eye on anyone who needed anything. Her and Chuck even took a dying neighbor in so he would not die alone.

In her younger years she enjoyed camping with family. Some of the tails about those trips would make you laugh until your stomach hurt. The family joke was how she swept

the dirt and pine needles around her camp site.

She met the love of her life, Charles (Chuck) Beining, and they married on July 28, 1955 at Holy Face Church in Great Mills, MD. Together they celebrated 65 wonderful years together before his passing on July 12, 2020. She never recovered from that loss.

In addition to her parents and husband she was predeceased in death by her daughter-in-law, Cindy Wise, son-in-law, Robert Allen Dooley Sr., sister Elizabeth (Betty) Pugh, and brothers-in-law's Emmett Street, Richard Brumley and Morris Troglin.

She is survived by her children James Larry Wise of Hustle, VA, Debra Gragan (Steve) of Leonardtown, MD, Rose Wood of Key Largo, FL, Brenda Dooley of Lexington Park, MD, Joyce Tippett (William Grantham) of Great Mills, MD and Carolyn Haney (Scott) of Shickshinny, PA. and her siblings Joseph Bean (Judy) of Lottsburg, VA, Margret Street of Jacksonville, FL, Charles Bean (Mickey) of Lake City, FL, Dorothy Troglin of Conway, AR, Jean Brumley of Waxahachie, TX, Sue Wawryzynski (Leonard) of Lake City, FL and Janice Birch (Randy) of Champlain, VA. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, Larry Wise Jr, Jonathan Wise, Beth Rhodes, Tammy Sellers, Mary Lynn Ogden, Shannon Wilkerson, Robert Dooley Jr, Ashley Foote, Johnny Tippett, Greg Tippett, Robert Merritt, Jennifer McGuire, Donnie Merritt, 26 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren.

Family will receive friends on Friday February 25, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, Md 20650. A funeral service will be celebrated by Pastor Paul MacPherson at 12 p.m. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens at 26325 Point Lookout Rd. Leonardtown, Md.

Serving as pallbearers will be Steven Gragan, Joseph Wood, William Grantham, Scott Haney, Greg Tippett and Kolby Sellers. Honorary pallbearers will be Jonathan Wise, Rhodes Wise, Tammy Sellers, Mary Lynn Ogden, Shannon Wilkerson, Jennifer McGuire, Brandon Delano, Belle and Cole Merritt, Alisha, Aliyah & Rowan Combs. Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Leonardtown Church of Nazarene P.O. Box 1110 Leonardtown, MD 20650, Attention Pastor Paul MacPherson. Please put in honor of Mary Agnes Beining.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

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THE PARADE OF IMAGINARY HORRIBLES

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I have always followed the principle of figuring out the "parade of imaginary horrors" and planning for every possible contingency to ensure protection. The approach is as valid for financial planning as for estate planning.

In financial planning, you should always assume the horrible of losing your job and being without an income for at least a year. This means that, after you pay off your high cost consumer debt, the next step is to save enough money to allow you peace of mind even if you lose your job and don't find another for a year.

In estate planning, the horrors hit close to home and become much more personal. For example, no one with children wants to face the possibility that they will outlive their children and children do not want to think they will not outlive their parents. All too often, I am reminded that such horrors aren't so imaginary.

A married couple recently came to discuss their daughter's sudden recent illness and impending death at a young age. They are named as co-executors of their daughter's will. What I learned was that the daughter, who is unmarried and has no children, had named her siblings as beneficiaries on life insurance, pension funds, etc. She had not named her parents, assuming incorrectly that she would outlive them. The effect of this was that the parents, who co-signed on the daughter's student loan, were left without resources to pay off the student loan when the daughter died. Given the daughter's medical state, we could not remedy the situation by changing the beneficiary designations on her insurance or retirement accounts. Fortunately, however, the family is a loving one and the siblings will help the parents to pay off the student loan.

The lesson is that you can never assume you will outlive your parents. And, if you owe your parents money for student loans, mortgage assistance or whatever, make sure you have provided for the repayment of those loans when you die. A simple way to do this is to allocate a percentage of your life insurance, retirement funds, etc. to your parents to pay them back for the loans you have made when you die. If you are paying off those loans during your lifetime, you can always change your beneficiary designations when the loans are repaid.

Another not so imaginary horrible occurs when an inheritance is left to

a person on disability. Thought must be given to the status of your beneficiary. If that person is disabled, an inheritance from you may cause the person to lose his or her disability payments. This is a far more common problem than we think. In this case, there is something that can be done to help. A "special needs trust" can be created for the disabled person. This is a trust created for the specific purpose of allowing a person receiving disability to continue to receive those benefits and also receive an inheritance. This type of trust must follow specific guidelines, one of which will return any assets left after the death of the disabled person to the State of Maryland to reimburse the state for making the disability payments. A special needs trust must be approved by the Maryland Attorney General's office.

What about the potential horrible of unforeseen consequences of a second marriage? I was thrilled for another client when he recently married after being a widower for several years. The issue was that the new wife had her own children from a prior marriage and didn't have a good relationship with the man's children. That meant that upon the man's death, he needed to take care of his children as well as his new wife and not leave everything to her. She also faced the same issue. Both husband and wife eventually decided to split each of their estates so that both sets of children would inherit a percentage upon the deaths of their parent, with the remainder going to each other.

Have you thought about the fact that your children may not get along after you die? If you have named all of them as executors, personal representatives or trustees, they are going to have to agree. If they don't get along, don't put them in such a position. Instead, name one of them to serve and appoint the others in sequence.

Of course, there are many other horrors that can arise. So long as you consider them and plan to take actions to protect yourself and your family in the event they actually happen, horrors can be used to help you figure things out and not to hurt you or your loved ones.

To learn more about estate planning, join me at a free seminar on the third Wednesday of every month at 11am in our offices at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your space. See you then.



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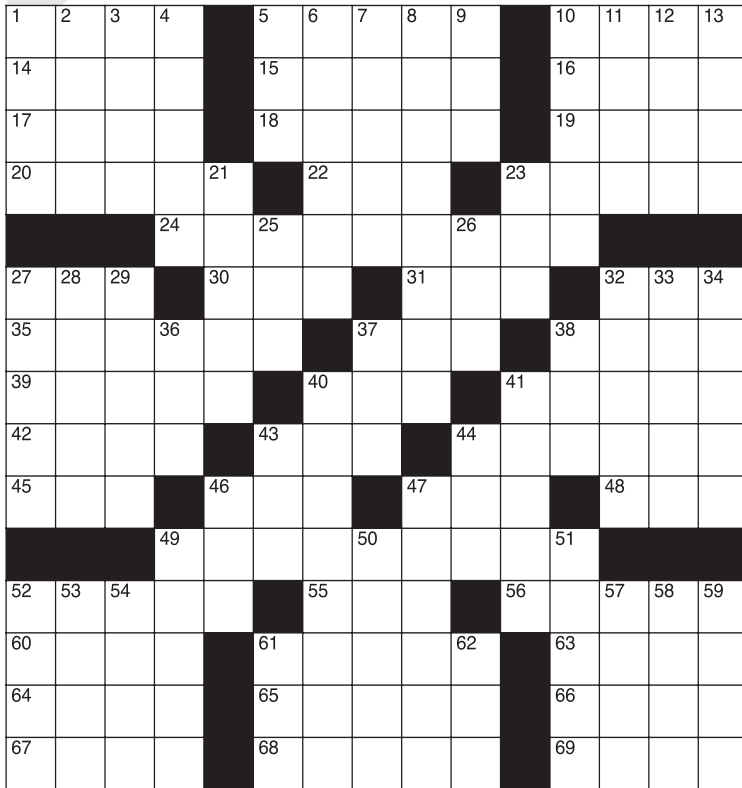
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- 10. Adventure story
- 14. Hundred thousand
- 15. Former U.S. Vice President
- 16. Ruler
- 17. Indian city
- 18. Similar
- 19. Ship as cargo
- 20. Volcanic craters
- 22. Boxing's "GOAT"
- 23. Bullfighting maneuvers
- 24. London soccer team
- 27. Score perfectly
- 30. No (Scottish)
- 31. SoCal hoops team (abbr.)
- 32. Woman (French)
- 35. Unwanted attic "decor"
- 37. Peter Griffin's daughter
- 38. Broad, shallow crater
- 39. Large instruments
- 40. Low bank or reef
- 41. ___ and Venzetti
- 42. Oil group
- 43. Father
- 44. Aggressive men
- 45. Pairs well with

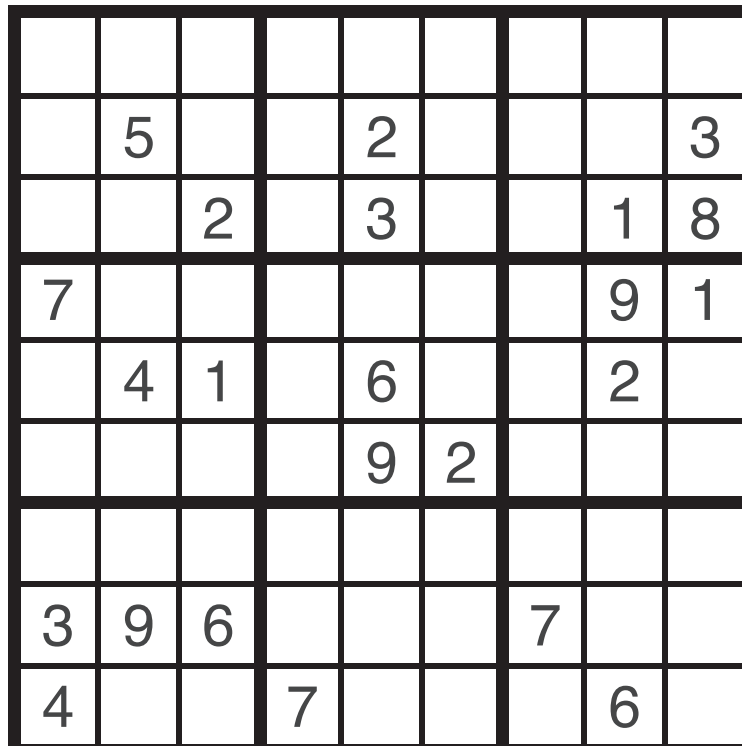
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- 46. Travelers need it
- 47. Digital audiotape
- 48. Midway between northeast and east
- 49. Chemistry descriptor
- 52. S. China seaport
- 55. Sound unit
- 56. Heavy cavalry sword
- 60. Thick piece of something
- 61. Spa town in Austria
- 63. Boyfriend
- 64. Norse personification of old age
- 65. Type of box
- 66. Tie together
- 67. Fiber from the coconut
- 68. Chicago mayor
- 69. Old English letters

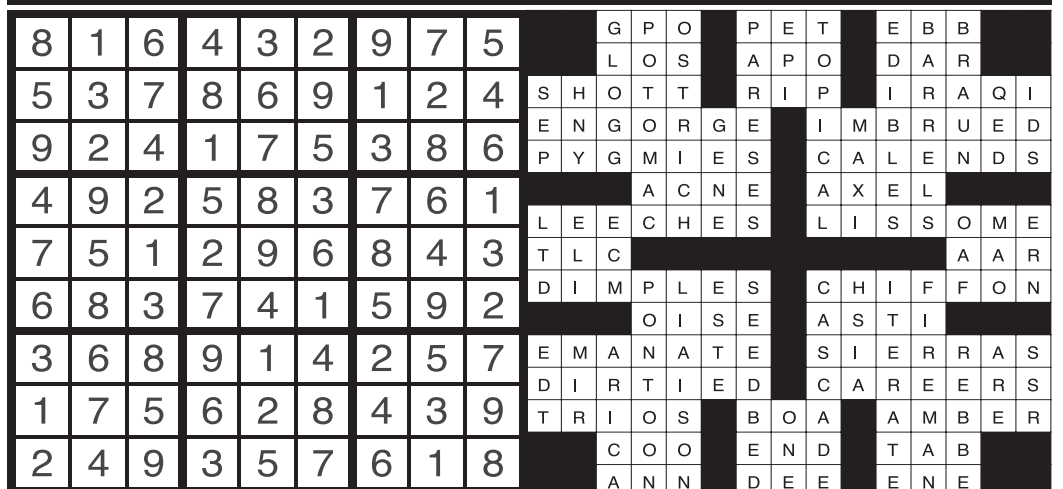
- 12. "The Immoralist" author
- 13. Area units
- 21. Units of loudness
- 23. Political action committee
- 25. Bar bill
- 26. Witch
- 27. A theatrical performer
- 28. 2-door car
- 29. ___ and flowed
- 32. Papier-___, art medium
- 33. City in Georgia
- 34. Irregular
- 36. College sports conference
- 37. Angry
- 38. Partner to cheese
- 40. S. American mammal
- 41. Self-immolation by fire rituals
- 43. Split pulses
- 44. Disfigure
- 46. Cow noise
- 47. Erase
- 49. Chadic language
- 50. Reward for doing well
- 51. Paid TV
- 52. Millisecond
- 53. Other
- 54. Colombian city
- 57. Necklace part
- 58. Every one of two or more people
- 59. Regrets
- 61. They come after "A"
- 62. Horse noise

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of sauce
- 2. Pattern of notes
- 3. Plant with long seedpods
- 4. Map out
- 5. Numbers cruncher
- 6. Make a mental connection
- 7. Italian tenor
- 8. N. America's highest mountain peak
- 9. Witness
- 10. Arabic given name
- 11. Music awards



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